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Founder of Graham's Magazine.

The venerable John R. Graham, who over forty years ago, when literary periodi-cals were few in the United States, has just taken his departure from the Eye and Ear hospital in Fourth avenue, where he has spent the past four years as a patient undergoing treatment for cataract in both eyes. He re joices over the improvement of his vision to such a degree that he can now resume his career as a writer. A few days ago Mr. Graham indulged in some reminiscences of old times when Graham's Magazine was at the zenith of its success, and when Fenimore Cooper, Henry W. Longfellow, Edgar A. Poe and other celebrities were among the contributors to its pages. Even then he paid Longfellow very high prices for the poems and sonnets which he sent in monthly, such prices as would raise the eyebrows of the bards of today, and he paid Cooper at rates which no living American novelist of this time can command.

On one occasion, after he had given Cooper a check of four figures to secure an unwritten novel, he asked Cooper to do him the favor of opening the first installment of the work for the magazine, not with a long descriptive passage, but with some incident that would seize and rivet the reader's attention, and lead him to seek the ensuing installments in other numbers of the magazine. Cooper agreed to do so. In time the roll of manuscript for the first month came to hand; it wholly descriptive, and Mr. Graham felt that he was lost, but he published it. When the roll for the next month came it was of the same kind, and when that for the third month came it was like the two previous ones; and not till the fourth installment and the fourth month did the famous author get at his story, which was all un-worthy of his name. It turned out to be a heavy loss to Mr. Graham. The founder of Graham's Magazine ought to publish his reminiscences of the budding period of American letters, -New York Sun.

Heroism of a Boston Girl.

A story of personal heroism has come to our knowledge which certainly deserves to be told, although, for excellent reasons which cannot here be stated, the names and precise location cannot be given. The other day, on one of the streets of Boston devoted to residences, a young lady-a cultured, wealthy and "society" girl-looking from a second story front window, saw a servant girl run from the opposite house, with her clothing all ablaze. It was the work of an instant to seize a large sofa blanket and run down the stairs, out into the street, pursue the frightened girl, and wrap her in the big red blanket. Remembering the furious wind, it was one of those times when a minute counts. To the young lady's bravery the poor girl owes her life, as the street was almost deserted, and investigation afterward showed that the clothing was nearly all burned from her body. Of her skirts nothing was left but the bindings and a ragged fringe; her hair was singed and the exposed flesh badly burned. It is a pleasure to be able to say that the young lady did not re-ceive the least injury, if a slight strain of the wrist be excepted.—Boston Transcript.

Gorgeousness of a Royal Nurse. It is somewhat singular that the most gor geously dressed person in all the Spanish court should be the nurse of the infant king, a comely person in face and form. Ordinarily she wears a rich velvet skirt, with two broad bands of gold round it, a blue velvet apron, also trimmed with gold, and a bodice of black velvet, fastened with lovely silver buttons, which opens on an inner bodice of fine lawn with lace. Round her neck are five or six rows of coral beads, and she wears long earrings of the same material. A rich silk handkerchief is fastened over her dark

hair, which she arranges Madonna fashion in

front. For occasions of state there are other

costumes more handsome—as handsome, says

the chronicler, as any the nobility wear .-

Wedding Presents in France. Wedding presents have become so gorgeous that people of moderate means are afraid to send what they can afford. This fashion, started among the frugal Dutch, of giving the young couple their household furniture and a sum of money to begin life with, has degenerated into a vulgar display of wealth. The French have a wiser plan. The relatives make up a sum of money as a wedding gift and send it to the bride's mother, who spends it for her daughter in jewels, laces or what-ever seems best. We have had the good sense to abjure the English wedding favors made of white satin ribbon and artificial flowers, some for horses' ears and servants' coats.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Ten Acre Grave. One of the largest graves in which a single person is buried to be found in this country is at Pinckneyville, Ills. A single slab marks the spot, but the grave is about ten acres in extent. Some years ago the deceased and his sons were operating a coal mine over there. One day the old man went into the pit alone to inspect it. While he was in a re-mote gallery the roof of the mine caved in and the waters of a subterranean stream flooded the mine. It was, of course, impossible to recover the body of the drowned miner, so his sons simply closed up the shaft and erected the headstone sacred to their father's memory. - Ed. Devoy in Globe-

Experiments in Cattle Breeding.

Yielding to the pressure put upon it, the French government has decided to again start a farm for the purpose of experimenting with the various breeds of cattle in the country. A farm of 500 acres has been secured at a place called Vieux Pin, and the work will be carried out by a commission consisting of the director of agriculture, the director of horse breeding and several other experts. Formerly an establishment of the same sort was maintained, but after a time it was abandoned.-Chicago Times

An Extraordinary Incident.

One of the most extraordinary incidents in the whole record of longevity is reported from Pesth, in Hungary, where a beggar, aged 84, tried to commit suicide by throwing himself into the Danube because he was no longer able to support his father and mother, who are 115 and 110 years old, respectively. When he told this story, after his rescue, it was laughed at, but a police inquiry showed it to be true. The family are Magyars from the extreme south of Hungary .- Frank Les-

A Prosperous Colony.

The colony of New South Wales, which has just celebrated its centenary, has over 1,000, 000 inhabitants, 2,140 miles of railway, 20,000 miles of telegraph wires, nearly 40,000,000 sheep, 1,250,000 cattle and 362,000 horses. In 1866 over \$36,000,000 worth of wool was exported, and the annual mineral production is about \$15,000,000.—Chicago Herald.

The Inca Gold Mines.

A company has been formed in Peru for the purpose of searching for and working the old Inca gold mines, and also to open old cemeteries, where it is believed millions of dollars are buried.-Chicago Herald.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

A Little Girl Appeals to Kitty's Family

A little girl of Knickerbocker descent, in whose presence the family glories were often descanted on, was overheard lately rebuking her pet kitten for some misdemenner. Holding pussy by her fore paws and looking her full in the face, she remarked: "I'm ashamed of you, Kitty, for being so naughty; and just think, your grandmother was a Maltese!" -Buffalo Conrier.

A Well Intended Suggestion. "I shall have to spank you," said an Allehany mother to her 3-year-old daughter.

You have been a bad little girl." Suiting the action to the work, as they say in novels, the child was placed in the proper spankorial position, when she squirmed around to get a view of the maternal eye, and observed:

"Go it light, mamma." The spanking was postponed.-Pittsburg

Experimental.

A little miss of 5 from Unadilla, on a visit at a house in this town last week, spent a good deal of her time in talking to a pet cat, Why, dear," said her, hostess after a little while, "don't you know the kitty can't talk?" "Oh," was the prompt reply, "I know they can't in Unadilla, but I didn't know but what they might in Oneontai"-Oneonta (N. Y.) Herald.

A Duck of a Story.

My little one was 5 last summer. I took her down to Bangor. She had never seen any ducks. One day we were out in the yard, and she saw some. She looked at them a short time without speaking, and then she "Haven't they got long lips!"-Boston

A Youthful Punster.

My little niece, aged 4, recently heard me remark to her mother that I intended in a few days to go to Little Rock—the state capital—on some business. She immediately ran to me and said: "Oh, Uncle H-, when you dit to Little Yock won't you bey me a little yocking chair?"-Boston Globe,

Tough. A St. Albans 4-year-old miss had been naughty the other day and her mamma shut her up in a closet by way of penalty. The little one alternated between fits of crying and appeals for freedom, and was heard to say within herself: "I tell you, this is tough!" -St. Albans Messenger.

A Voice in the Wilderness,

A little boy was told that the Rev. Mr. Goforth, the missionary to China, would be the only Christian minister in charge of a district having as many people as are in the whole of Canada. "My!" he said, "won't he bave to holier:"—Toronto Globe.

Not His Fault.

Mamma-Johnnie, did you throw that cat in the well? Johnnie-Indeed I didn't. I was just holdin' it over the box by the tail and it wiggled

A Possible Inheritance.

loose and fell in.-Washington Critic.

Bobby (thoughtfully)-Pa? Father (irascibly)-Ya'as, ya'as, what is it? Bobby-Do you think I'll be as cross as you are when I grow up!-Texas Siftings.

How He Got Even.

A half witted fellow was traveling by railway for the first time. Having seated himself, he did not see the use of keeping a bit of cardboard, so he threw his ticket out of the window of the carriage. Consequently, at the station where the tickets were looked at, he had to pay. At his journey's end he had to acknowledge that he had been "done." A few weeks later some men in a railway carriage saw this same man laughing immoderately to himself in a corner of the compartment. They inquired the reason of his merriment. He replied by telling them what he had suffered on his first railway journey. 'But," concluded he, triumphantly, "I've

done 'em this time,' "Well, what have you done?" asked his "Why," replied he, "I've taken a return ticket, and I ain't a-going back again?"-Cal-

cutta Times. "Ob, 'Tis Love!"



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A Leap Year Privilege.

She sat idly watching the empty oyster shells on her plate, while he finished the last morsel of cracker within reach.

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and he loved her with that mad passion so common to this condition of society. He fervently assured her that he did. "Then, Mr. Sampson," she said, shyly, "I

bound, for she was rich and he was poor,

think I would like a dozen more on the shell. -New York Sun.

On His Good Behavior. "Now, Tommy," said a Chicago lady to her little boy, "Mr. and Mrs. Wabash are to dine with us this evening, and I want you to show them what a little gentleman you

"Yes, ma," replied Tommy. "And, Tommy," cautioned his mother, "you are to have but one piece of pie, you know, and remember, when eating it, to hold your knife by the handle and not by the

blade."-New York Sun.

The Regular Army, Oh. Lady (to Col. Blood, of Kentucky)-You

have grown up sons, have you not, Col. Col. Blood-Yes; three that have reached man's estate; there is Col. Tom, the eldest, then Maj. Bob and Capt. Jim." Lady-Indeed, quite an army of them!-

The Epoch. At the Reception.

At Mrs. Trick Scored's reception. She-Did you manage to get me some supper in that awful crush around the table? He-Yes; I have three fried oysters in my vest pocket, and some chicken salad in my

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